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FISHERIES ECONOMIST HONORED IN NEW BEDFORD, MASSACHUSETTS

Walter H. Stolting of the Department of the Interior's Bureau of Commercial Fisheries was honored recently by the New Bedford, Mass., Seafood Producers Association, one of the Nations's leading seafood cooperatives.

Mr. Stolting, a specialist in fisheries economics, was awarded a plaque as a token of the Association's appreciation of his continuing interest and guidance.

The presentation was made at the annual stockholders meeting in New Bedford.

Octavio A. Modesto, General Manager of the Association, cited Mr. Stolting for his assistance in starting the cooperative in 1957 when the New Bedford fish and scallop industry faced a number of economic problems. Mr. Modesto pointed out that from a humble beginning, the Cooperative has grown to a point where its gross sales in 1964 were more than \$5,300,000.

Mr. Stolting was graduated from Columbia University's School of Business in 1934 and began his government service as an economist with the Agriculture Department. He transferred to the War Department in 1942 and served as a statistician until 1944 when he joined the Bureau of Commercial Fisheries. In the final years of World War II he played an important role in providing production incentives to the United States fishing industry.

The Bureau of Commercial Fisheries provides organizational and management advisory services and reviews the operations of fishery cooperatives for compliance with the Fishery Cooperative Marketing Act of 1934.

Mr. Stolting resides at 10410 Julep Avenue, Silver Spring, Md.

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